



Carlsbad Citywide Trails
Program Mission Statement:
“Provide a trails system that
ensures the recreational and
leisure needs of Carlsbad
residents while supporting
the protection and preservation
of open space in accordance
with the City of Carlsbad
General Plan.”



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“We create community through
people, parks and programs.”

National Public Lands Day- Helping Hands for America's Lands



September 26, 2009

Carlsbad will once again be participating in the National Environmental Education Foundation's National Public Lands Day. The event provides an opportunity for younger generations to follow in the footsteps of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a group that exemplified land stewardship from 1933 to 1942. The CCC legacy inspires us to serve our communities and to protect public lands. This year volunteers will focus on protecting the vast network of streams, rivers, lakes and other wetlands that traverse America's public lands. There is a special joy in getting our hands dirty when it helps keep our land beautiful. Considering that one third of the land in America is ours – public land where we can all hike, bike, climb, explore, picnic or just plain relax, National Public Lands Day is our opportunity to help spruce up these lands while enjoying some of our favorite places.

Volunteers in Carlsbad will be working on the Lake Calavera area. Work will include invasive weed removal, trash removal, minor trail erosion repair and, thanks to a generous donation by Henry's Market stores, installation of an informational kiosk and event t-shirts. Thank you Henry's for your support of trails in our community!

Date: September 26, 2009
Time: 8-11:30 am
Place: Meet at the Lake Calavera damn spillway
Parking: Calavera Hills Elementary School
(event is across the street from the school)

All participants will receive a National Public Lands Day t-shirt. Come out and enjoy the day.

Second Saturday Volunteer Trail Work

August — La Costa Glen



Trail maintenance and clean-up were completed on the La Costa Glen Trail in August. Litter was collected, erosion ruts were repaired and a new trail sign was installed. Thanks to Jimbo's who helped sponsor the event and the Parks Maintenance staff who assisted the volunteers.



September — Saturday Morning Trail School

On September 12th, volunteers and residents met at the Discovery Nature Center-Agua Hedionda Lagoon on the Corner of Faraday and Cannon Rd. for a presentation by Rosanne Humphrey, the City's HMP Land Steward. Humphrey shared information about native habitats and led a hike to The Crossings Golf Course and Veteran's Park, where she taught participants how to identify coastal sage scrub and riparian vegetation.

For info on upcoming work days, see Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities.

Adopt-A-Trail Program

Businesses, community service groups, individuals, and other organizations can also get involved with the expansion of the City's Trails. Adopt-A-Trail contributions are made through either a one-year volunteer commitment to maintain a designated trail within the City or via cash sponsorships used for various trail amenities, trail improvements and/or special projects.

The program is off to a great start with a \$1,500 sponsorship by Jimbo's in The Forum Shopping center. The contribution will be used for new trail identification signage at the La Costa Glen Trail, located in south Carlsbad. Jimbo's employees and city volunteers will install the signs later this fall as part of the kick-off of a new City Trail ID project which will provide signage at all trail heads. THANKYOU JIMBO's.

For more info on the Adopt-A-Trail Program call Liz Ketabian with Parks and Recreation at 760-434-2978.



Lake Calavera Trails Master Plan Update

In early August, the environmental review documents for the proposed trails in Lake Calavera were circulated to the resource agencies and made available to the public for comment. On August 13th, a public meeting was held at the Carlsbad Safety Center to discuss the trails plan and the environmental impact the plan will have on the preserve. Approximately 40 people attended, providing input and lively discussions on the proposal. City Planning, and Parks and Recreation staff will be responding to the comments received from the public as well as the resource agencies in September. It is hoped that, with the resource agency approvals, trail improvements could begin sometime in early 2010.

Trail improvements do not include additional grading for new trails, but rather upgrades to many of the existing trails. Planned improvements include erosion repairs, signage, positive slope drainage, way finding signs, fencing, and delineation of access points for the formalized trail system. Many trail volunteers are anxiously waiting to get their hands dirty out there and many hands will be needed to carry out the proposed improvements.

Stay tuned for special announcements and further updates on the Lake Calavera Trails project.

Become a Trail Volunteer

Come join the many dedicated citizens who care deeply about Carlsbad's Citywide Trails and give of their time to preserve, develop, maintain, and protect our public-use trails system.

It's a great way to meet new people, have fun, keep fit and learn about our unique environment - all while making a lasting contribution that benefits the community for generations to come.



If you would like to become a trail volunteer, please contact Sue Irey, Community Volunteer Coordinator, at

760-434-2929 or sign up at:

VolunteerinCarlsbad.net.

Know of a Trail In Need? Call us.

Have you noticed a trail maintenance need on Carlsbad's Trails? If so, please contact Michael Bliss at Park Maintenance, 760-434-2985. If it's a graffiti problem on any of the trail amenities, please call the Graffiti Hotline at 760-434-6700.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

NATIONAL PUBLIC
LANDS DAY
September 26

Meet at the Lake Calavera
dam spillway

2nd SATURDAY
TRAIL WORK EVENTS

OCTOBER 10
TBD

NOVEMBER 14
Santa Fe Trails

DECEMBER 12
The Ranch

Events are subject to change. To
verify work date locations, please
contact Gary Hill, 760-727-5764
or Liz Ketabian, 760-434-2978.

Contribute to
Happy Trails Newsletter.

If you have an idea for an article
please contact:

Liz Ketabian at 760-434-2978

Brenda Ratcliff at 760-476-0797

West Nile Virus Update



In August, SD County Vector Control was informed that mosquitoes collected in the Encinitas Creek region near Olivenhain Road and El Camino Real had tested positive for the West Nile Virus. So far this season, there has been one West Nile positive dead bird retrieved in the 92024 Encinitas zip code area and none in 92009 area of Carlsbad. However, with this positive reporting, it is good to review how best to protect yourself.

- Avoid getting mosquito bites. Apply an EPA-registered insect repellent containing DEET to exposed skin and if possible, wear long-sleeves and pants when you're outside.
- Be aware, mosquitoes are most active from dusk to dawn.
- Mosquito-proof your home: make sure your door and window screens have no holes and seal tightly.
- Eliminate sources of standing water which promote mosquito breeding. Empty water from buckets, cans, flower pots, pool covers and other items that may hold water. Maintain, drain, or stock your swimming pool mosquito fish available through SD Vector Control.

For more information on the West Nile virus, visit the county's web site at www.SDFightTheBite.com. Reach the Vector Control Program at 888-551-4636.

Mark Your Calendars!

Quarterly Trail Volunteer Meetings:

All Quarterly Trail Volunteer meetings are held at the
Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue at 5 p.m.

September 17, 2009

December 10, 2009